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Memo To: Board of Selectmen
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager
Date: July 5, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 105,826.93
- Expense Warrant: \$ 393,315.25

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- It is clear from the payroll warrant for this week that summer is upon us. The beach opened last Tuesday and as a result payroll has increased to pay the staff for that and the summer recreation programs.
- The Upton State Forest and State DCR are sponsoring a celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on Saturday, July 13th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the CCC Headquarters building at the corner of Westborough and Southborough Roads. There will be a celebration at noon, tours, hikes and the like so it should be a fun day for all.
- There was a bit of excitement this week regarding the Town Hall project. It was determined that both of the Upton safes must have been outfitted many decades ago with anti-theft devices on the inside doors of the safes. They had canisters filled with tear gas that would detonate if the safes were tampered with. A local locksmith was able to take the devices off the safes, but it was determined that the safest way to dispose of the canisters was to have the State Police bomb squad come. They responded, took the devices to public works and detonated them safely. Our next order of business is to get the Treasurer's safe relocated to temporary Town Hall.
- The state budget process continues to evolve. This week the joint house and senate reached agreement on the operating budget, that proposes the amount of UGGA funds we budgeted, and only slightly less for Veteran's benefit reimbursements. The budget still needs to be signed by the Governor.
- On Thursday this week Public Works will open bids for road paving in various locations. Unfortunately the stalemate between the Governor and the legislature over Chapter 90 has not been resolved, so we expect fewer funds than last year. We'll see what the bids are and how much can be accomplished with the funds we have. I'll update you on that at the next meeting when I anticipate we'll be ready for you to authorize a contract.

- I hope that everyone had a happy and healthy 4th of July, and an enjoyable summer ahead.

ust one more reminder that this week brings the FY 12/13 year to a close. For those who have invoices to turn in please be reminded that they are due on Friday, or if you don't have that to turn in, an encumbrance is required so the funds can be put aside until the bill comes in. Contact Kenny Costa, the Town Accountant if you have questions.